

-- REMARKS --

Claims 1-40 are currently pending in the application. No amendments have been made by this response.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requiring Applicant to elect a single species from the list of five (5) separate species identified on pages 2 of the Office Action.

In response to the species restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims relating to Species 1, drawn to Figs. 1-3. It is believed that all of the pending claims relate to the elected species. Applicant therefore elects to prosecute claims 1-40 with respect to the elected species. Contrary to the assertion of the Examiner, at least claim 1 is generic to all of the species.

Respectfully submitted,



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